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HOUSE BILL 656

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

J. PAUL TAYLOR

AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FOR A
CUARTOCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF CONTINUOUS HISPANIC PRESENCE IN
THE UNITED STATES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS--HISPANIC PRESENCE IN NEW
MEXICO.--The legislature of the state of New Mexico notes with
pride that April 30, 1998 will mark the four-hundredth
anniversary of the founding of continuous European presence
within the United States and the convergence of the Hispanic and
Native American cultures and traditions. This convergence will
be celebrated with the cooperation of a wide variety of
business, civic, cultural and governmental agencies in New
Mexico as well as their counterparts in Mexico and Spain,
bringing honor and attention to our state and region. New

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1 Mexico's people have made and continue to make major
2 contributions to this productive history, and the legislature
3 elects to contribute to the cuartocentennial project through
4 exhibitions, publications and media programs, as well as
5 cultural and artistic endeavors of every type.

6 Section 2. APPROPRIATION--CUARTOCENTENNIAL PROJECT--
7 PURPOSE.--Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is
8 appropriated from the general fund to the office of cultural
9 affairs for expenditure in fiscal years 1997 and 1998 to provide
10 support of the cuartocentennial project, to be observed in 1998,
11 to help celebrate four hundred years of diversity and richness
12 produced and nurtured through our Hispanic and Native American
13 cultures. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
14 the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

15 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
16 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 20, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Rios, Vigil

Absent: None

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